THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) No, Sir.

However, the Government is setting up a National Early Warning System for tsunami and storm surges in Indian Ocean with the following components:

*Strengthening of the existing seismological network to indicate, near real time occurrence of tsunamigenic earthquakes;

Installation of tsunami warning sensors close to the ocean bottom at appropriate locales in the Indian Ocean, with real time connectivity;

Tide gauge and data buoys networking to validate arrival of tsunami waves at the coast;

Modeling of the inundation scenarios for the entire coast and mapping of potential risk areas;

Collection of information, analysis and generating status advisories.

A centre is being established at Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad for the collection of information, analysis and for dissemination of advisories. This centre is for Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System and hence, will serve, not only the entire Indian coast line including islands but complete Indian Ocean region.

(b) Does not arise.

Food testing laboratories in the country

3349. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food testing laboratories in the country at present;

(b) whether Government propose to set up more such laboratories and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) by when, these laboratories will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) As per the study got conducted by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI), 312 food testing laboratories are functioning in Public and Private sector in the country. Although MFPI does not set up food testing laboratories its owns, it provides financial assistance for setting up/up-gradation of food testing laboratories under its Plan Scheme to various stakeholders such as Central/State Government Organizations, IITs, Universities, private sector organizations. The schemes operated by MFPI are not State specific. The proposals received from States and other stakeholders for setting up/up-gradation of food testing laboratories are considered as per guidelines of this Ministry.

MFPI has approved financial assistance to 36 organizations so far, under its Plan Scheme. A Statement indicating total number of food testing laboratories State-wise assisted by MFPI is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

State-wise number of food testing laboratories approved by MFPI for financial assistance

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Food Testing Laboratories
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3
2.	Assam	1
3.	Delhi	4
4.	Gujarat	2
5.	Haryana	3
6.	Jammu and Kashmir	1
7.	Jharkhand	1
8.	Karnataka	2
9.	Madhya Pradesh	2

1	2	3
10.	Maharashtra	2
11.	Punjab	2
12.	Tamil Nadu	2
13.	Uttar Pradesh	5
14.	Uttaranchal	1
15.	West Bengal	4
16.	Kerala	1
	TOTAL:	36

Status of food processing industries in U.P.

3350. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food processing industries functioning at present in Uttar Pradesh and the financial assistance given to them during the last three years;

(b) whether much export has been made by these industries during that period alongwith the foreign exchange earned by them;

(c) whether Government propose to provide more financial assistance to them to enable them to compete in the international market; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries under its Plan Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Modernization/Establishment of Food Processing Industries, extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of Plant and Machinery and Technical Civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33%